and Marketing of Coconuts in Andhra Pradesh at Tadepalligudam involving representatives of major industries, farmers, traders and research organisations etc. The Coconut Development Board State Centre, Hyderabad participates in various exhibitions and fairs. Besides local level seminars are also organised by the Board. It is proposed to further intensify market promotional activities by the Board during 9th Plan.

Target for Agricultural Production

†3528. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the target for agricultural production has been fixed by Government ath 300 miliion tonnes by 2007;

(b) if so, to what extent the target exceeds the existing production;

(c) what is the increase in the rate of annual production is needed to achieve this target; and

(d) the scheme launched by Government during the current year to achieve the target of annual rate of increase?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. The Planning Commission has fixed a target of foodgrains production of 300 million tonnes by 2007-08 and not of agriculture production.

(b) and (c) The Planning Commission has projected a growth rate of 4.45 per cent for achieving target of foodgrains production of 300 million tonnes in the ten years period from 1997-98 to 2007-08.

The existing production of foodgrains is estimated at 201.56 million tonnes for the current year at present i.e. 1999-2000. This represents an increase of 4.84 per cent over the production of base period of 1997-98 when foodgrains production was 192.26 million tonnes.

(d) During the current year no scheme relating to foodgrains production has been launched. However, a number of schemes, both Centrally Sponsored and Central Sector, are being implemented during current year as approved for the IX Plan for integrated development of Rice, Wheat, Coarse Cereals and Pulses Crops.

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